

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

FUKUMURA, et al.

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For: NEGATIVE-SENSE RNA VIRUS  
VECTOR FOR NERVE CELL



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants herewith respectfully request the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 14, line 14, change "sigma" to --lambda--.

On page 18, line 29, change "37.5°C" to --38°C to 38.5°C--.

On page 19, line 25, change "37°C" to --38°C to 38.5°C--.

On page 19, line 29, change "hindbrain" to --brain region containing hippocampus--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

5. [A] The method of [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 4], wherein nucleic acid contained in the negative-sense RNA viral vector comprises a foreign gene.